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Specimen of the Sprosser *Luscinia luscinia* from Uganda

Recently I was fortunate to be able to spend some time looking at the collection of birds in the American Museum of Natural History in New York. Among the interesting specimens in the collection is a female Sprosser *Luscinia luscinia* (#579138) collected at "Moroto", eastern Uganda in December 1917. The collectors' label is that of Meinertzhagen and Turner. This would appear to be the first and, so far, only, definitive record of the species in Uganda. The only other mention of the Sprosser I can trace for Uganda is that of van Someren (1931) who states that it occurs in Uganda, but gives no details.

The Sprosser is likely to occur sporadically in Uganda, and has been recorded both in western Kenya (Pearson 1984) and in southeastern Sudan (Nikolaus 1987).

On the strength of the New York specimen the Sprosser should be added to the Uganda avifauna.

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